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SUBJECT: UNDP TO AID FLCS STUDENTS

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1. THE SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY (SONNA) REPORTED ON NOVEMBER 22 THAT THE FRONTFOR THE LIBERATION OF THE SOMAL I COAST (FLCS) AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) HAD SIGNED AN AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE UNDP WILL PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO THE FLCS OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. UNESCO, WHICH WILL SERVE AS EXECUTING AGENCY FOR THE UNDP, WILL ADMINISTER STIPENDS FOR 50 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE YOUNGSTERS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 10 UNDERGRADUATES SELECTED BY THE FLCS.

2. ACCORDING TO SONNA, THE FLCS PROGRAM "IS AIMED AT PREPARING THE FUTURE MANPOWER REQUIRED TO RUN A MODERN STATE, PROVIDING

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A CORE OF TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT EXPERTISE TO MAN THE VARIOUS

ORLANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE FUTURE STATE OF THE SOMALI COAST".

3. THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FLCS POLITICAL COMMITTEE, HAJI ABDULAH WABERI KHALIF, AND THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE, GEORGI OZEROV. END UNCLASSIFIED

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4. OZEROV (WHO IS A SOVIET CITIZEN) TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT THE UNDP HAS AIDED LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN OTHER PLACES AND THAT THE AGREEMENT WITH THE FLCS IS ROUTINE. HE SAID THAT MOST OR ALL OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE SELECTED BY THE FLCS WILL BE SENT TO STUDY AT ALGERIAN SCHOOLS BECAUSE THE FRENCH LANGUAGE IS TAUGHT THERE. NONE OF THEM WILL BE SENT OUT OF AFRICA.

5. AN FSL SOURCE BELIEVES THAT THE YOUNGSTERS INVOLVED HAVE ONLY TENUOUS LINKS TO THE TFAI. HE SAYS THAT MANY OF THEM HAVE NEVER SEEN DJIBOUTI. THEIR FAMILIES REPORTEDLY LEFT DJIBOUTI AS MUCH AS 15 OR 20 YEARS AGO AND HAVE BEEN RESIDING IN MOGADISCIO EVER SINCE. IF THIS IS TRUE, IT RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE "CORE" THE UNDP IS HELPING TO CREATE IN DJIBOUTI. AS THE ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, THE FLCS IS THE INSTRUMENT AND MOUTHPIECE OF GSDR INTERESTS IN THE TFAI.

6. FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR CLAUDE MAYNOT SAYS HE HAS REPORTED THE UNDP/FLCS AGEEMENT TO THE GOF BUT THUS FAR HAS HAD NO COME-BACK. HE SEES NO IRREGULARITY IN THE AGREEMENT, AS SUCH, AND EXPECTS THE GOF TO ACCEPT IT WITHOUT PROTEST, DESPITE POSSIBLE PROBLEMS WITH THE CREDENTIALS AND DISINTERESTEDNESS OF THE PERSONS SELECTED BY THE FLCS. MAYNOT ALSO VOLUNTEERED THAT SOME OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTEES MAY BE SENT FOR STUDY IN THE USSR, A FACT NOT MENTIONED BY OZEROV.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE U.S. MISSION UNESCO COMMENTS ON THE LEGAL BACKGROUND AND CRITERIA OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.  
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